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Richard W. Slatta is professor of history at North Carolina State University. He has taught there since completing doctoral work at the University of Texas at Austin in 1980. He teaches advanced courses on US-Latin American relations, Latin American revolutions, and comparative frontiers.

Born in North Dakota, Slatta grew up in several western states [Wyoming, Oregon, California, Washington, Colorado, Texas]. He served as a Peace Corps volunteer in a squatter settlement outside Panama City. He also served two years in the Second Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Texas. He has traveled and researched widely throughout Latin America, the US, and Alberta, Canada.

His books include *The Mythical West* (2001), *Comparing Cowboys and Frontiers* (1997) and *The Cowboy Encyclopedia* (1994), *Cowboys of the Americas* (1990), and *Gauchos and the Vanishing Frontier* (1983). His biography of the Venezuelan liberator Simón Bolívar will appear in June and he currently works on cowboy life in the Kona district of Hawaii.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

The American Library Association and the *Library Journal* selected *The Cowboy Encyclopedia* as a Best Reference Source. *Cowboys of the Americas* won the 1991 Western Heritage Award for Nonfiction Literature, given by the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

OTHER HONORS:

2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the Twentieth Century
Outstanding People of the Twentieth Century
International Who's Who of Intellectuals
Who's Who in American Education